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Dear Educator,

As the Indian Education Specialist with Utah State Office of Education, I am honored to introduce the Native American Indian Literacy Project. This project involved many dedicated and talented individuals who share a passion to bring Native American Indian stories into the classroom. This CD contains a storybook series for the six main Utah Tribal Nations. There are five stories per Tribe, with a total of 30 booklets, plus an ABC book. The CD also includes information about each Tribe and links to other viable Internet sites, plus music, educational resources, lesson plans, and research articles. The set of Indian Tribal stories may be utilized by elementary classroom teachers to (1) develop an understanding and appreciation of Native American culture and societal contributions (2) provide a genre of text for the application of reading strategies, and (3) facilitate the mastery of various Utah Core Content Curriculum objectives.

The project was produced in partnership with San Juan School District. Kathryn Hurst, Director of the San Juan Media Center, was instrumental with the development of the booklets. The booklets may be printed off the CD, free of charge, for educational purposes. Instructions for printing the booklets are included on the CD. If you would like to purchase printed copies of the booklets, contact San Juan School District Media Center at (435) 678-1229.

Gratitude and appreciation are extended to all individuals that helped with this project. We encourage all elementary teachers to take advantage of this valuable resource and incorporate the storybooks into classroom instruction. If you have any questions, please contact Shirlee Silversmith at (801) 538-7838.

Thank you,



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